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1. AN AMERICAN FRIEND OF THE PHONG FAMILY, JIM ECKES, TELEPHONED EMBOFF TO SAY THAT MRS. PHONG'S MOTHER HAD RECEIVED A LETTER JULY 15 IN WHICH ELIZABETH WROTE THAT SHE WOULD BE COMING TO PARIS VERY SOON, PROBABLY THE WEEK OF JULY 21. TRAN VAN DON, FORMERLY OF THE DELEGATION, HAD PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED A CABLE TO THE EFFECT THAT SHE WOULD ARRIVE SOON AND THAT HE SHOULD FIND A FLAT FOR THE FAMILY. ELIZABETH MADE IT CLEAR THAT SHE WOULD BE COMING ALONE, BUT MADE NO MENTION WHATSOEVER OF PHONG. THE LETTER NOTED THAT SHE WOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY HER MOTHER'S SISTER AND A NIECE, BOTH OF WHOM, UNLIKE ELIZABETH, HAVE VIETNAMESE RATHER THAN FRENCH PASSPORTS -- SOME RELATIVES HAD HEARD THAT THE NIECE HAD MARRIED AN AMERICAN SHORTLY BEFORE THE FALL OF SAIGON AND PERHAPS WAS PERMITTED TO LEAVE ON THIS ACCOUNT.

2. THE REPORT IN MAY FROM ELIZABETH'S NIECE THAT SHE AND PHONG WERE BOTH WELL IS RELIABLE, BUT PHONG'S CURRENT STATUS IS THE SUBJECT OF CONFLICTING RUMORS, INCLUDING THAT HE WAS KILLED. THE FAMILY BELIEVE THAT
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THE MOST RELIABLE RUMOR IS THAT HE HAS BEEN SENT FOR

"RE-EDUCATION" TO CAM SON ISLAND, AND CONCLUDE THAT
ELIZABETH FEELS SHE SHOULD COME TO PARIS TO BE WITH
THE CHILDREN SINCE SHE CAN NO LONGER REMAIN WITH HIM.
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